#### **APPENDIX F**

# NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106 COMPLIANCE CORRESPONDENCE

### Section 106 Correspondence #1

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File No.: 3130-18 FAA MUS

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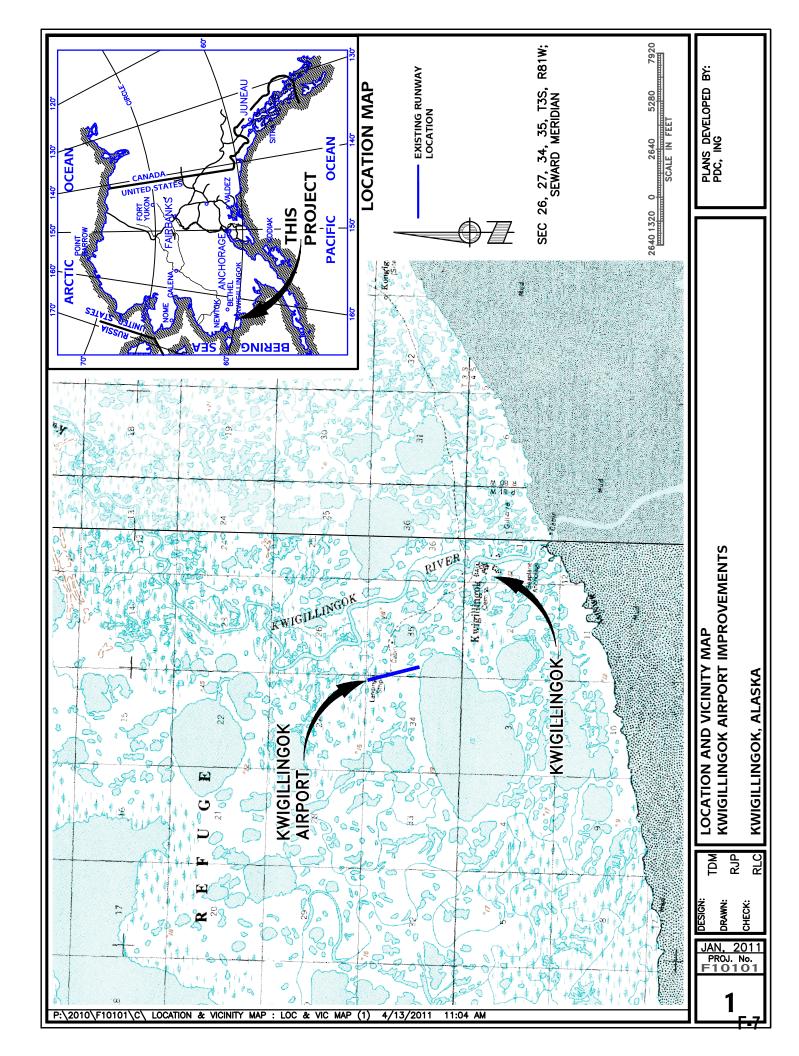
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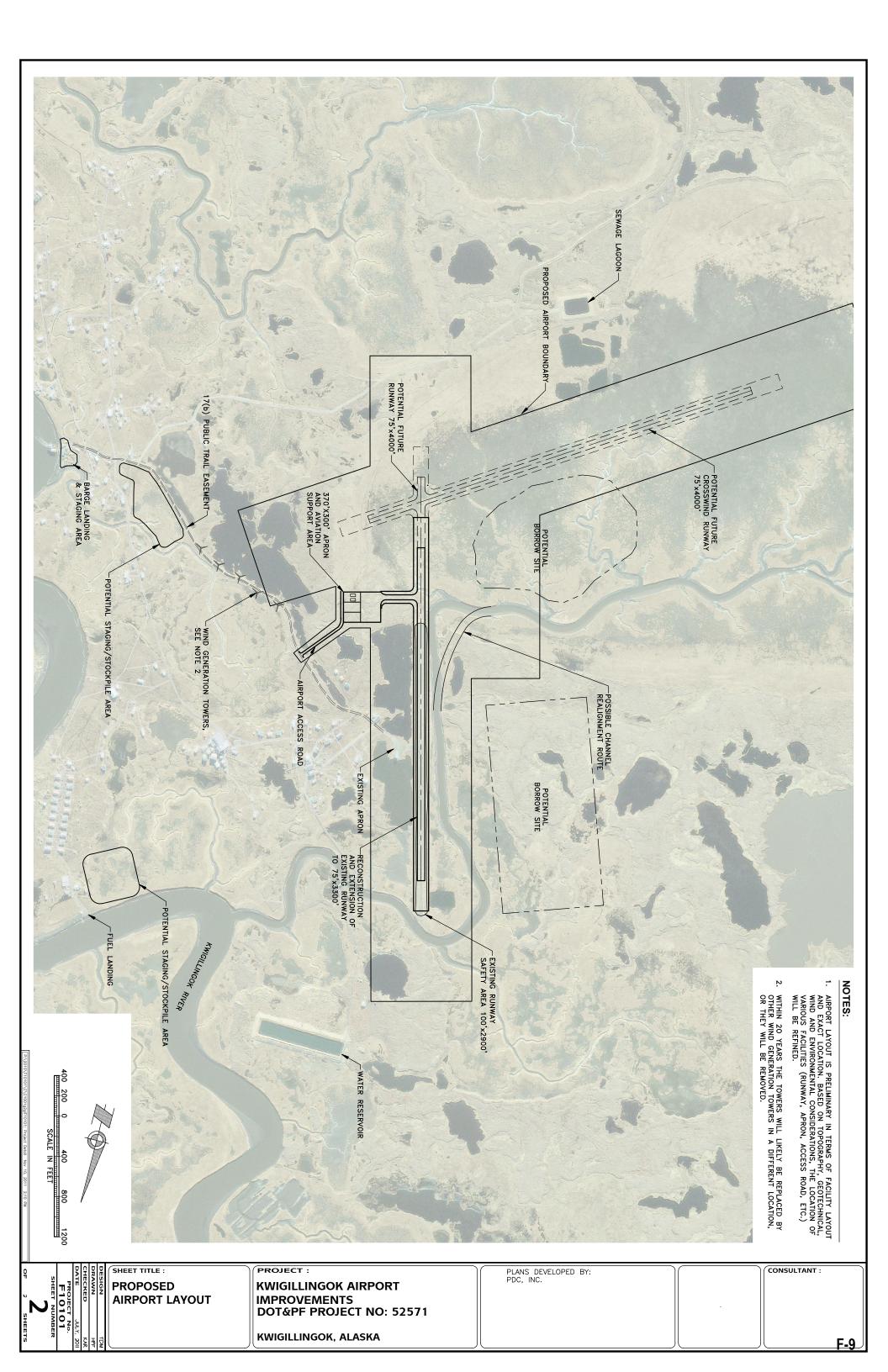
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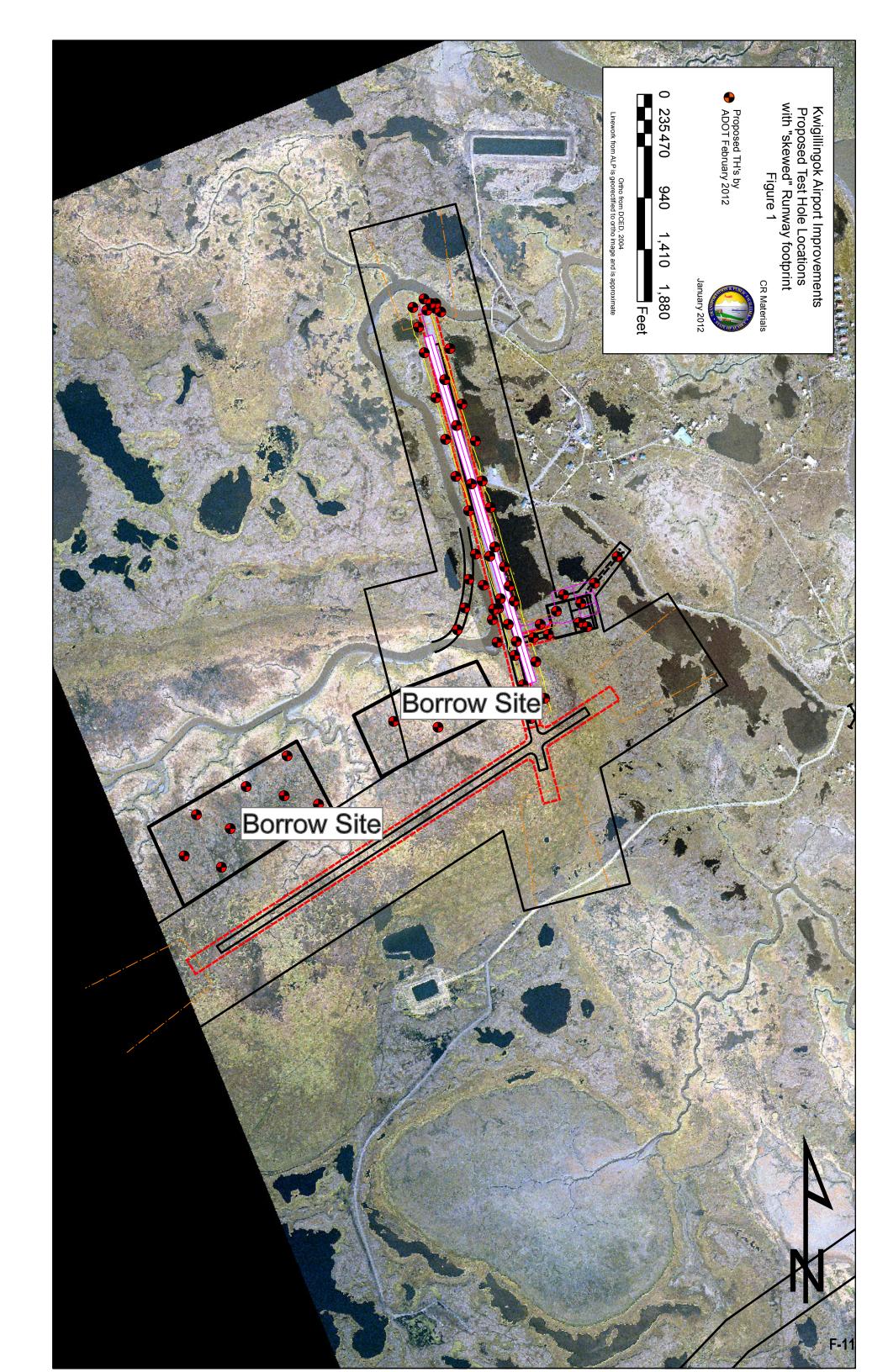
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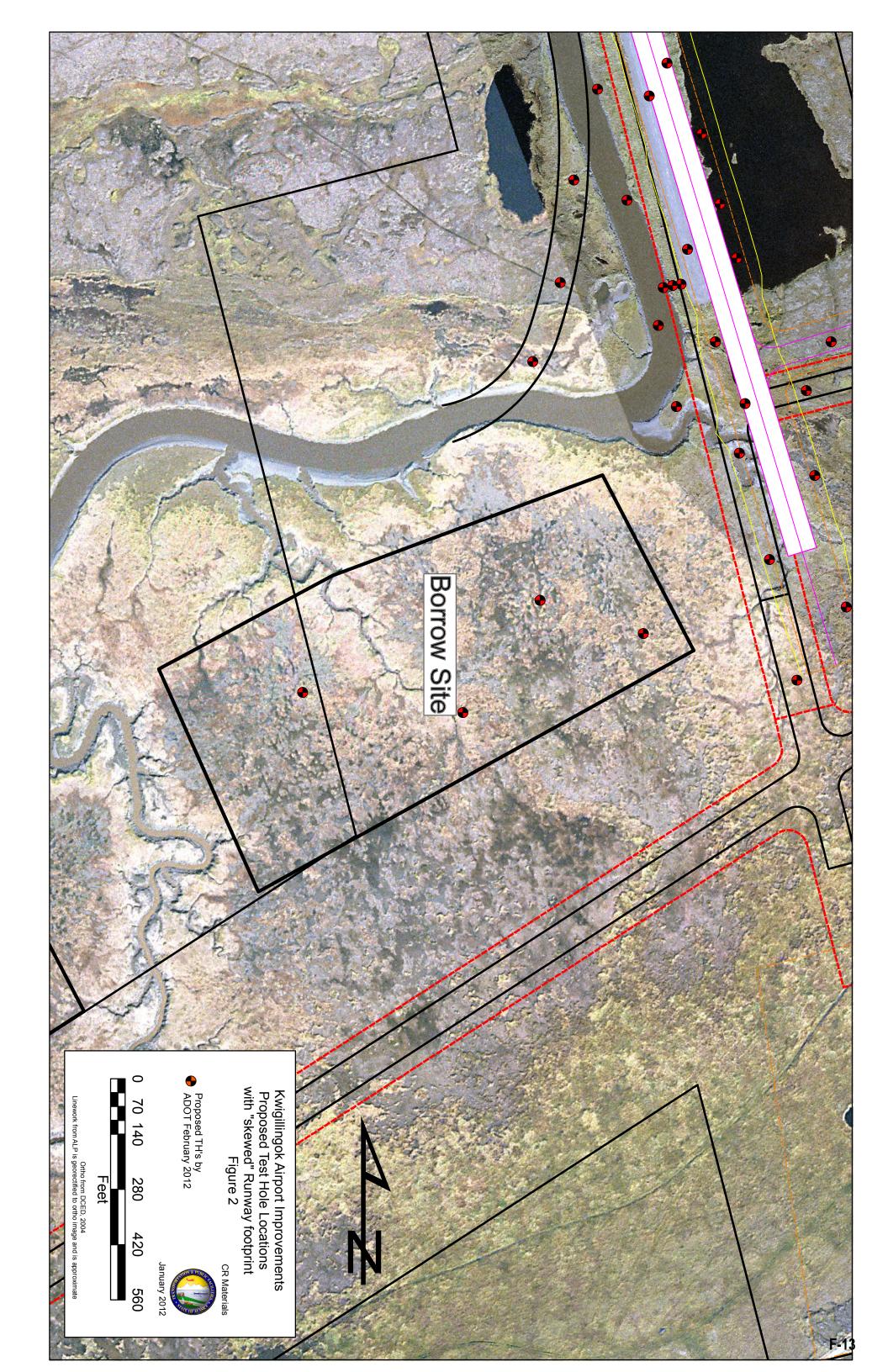
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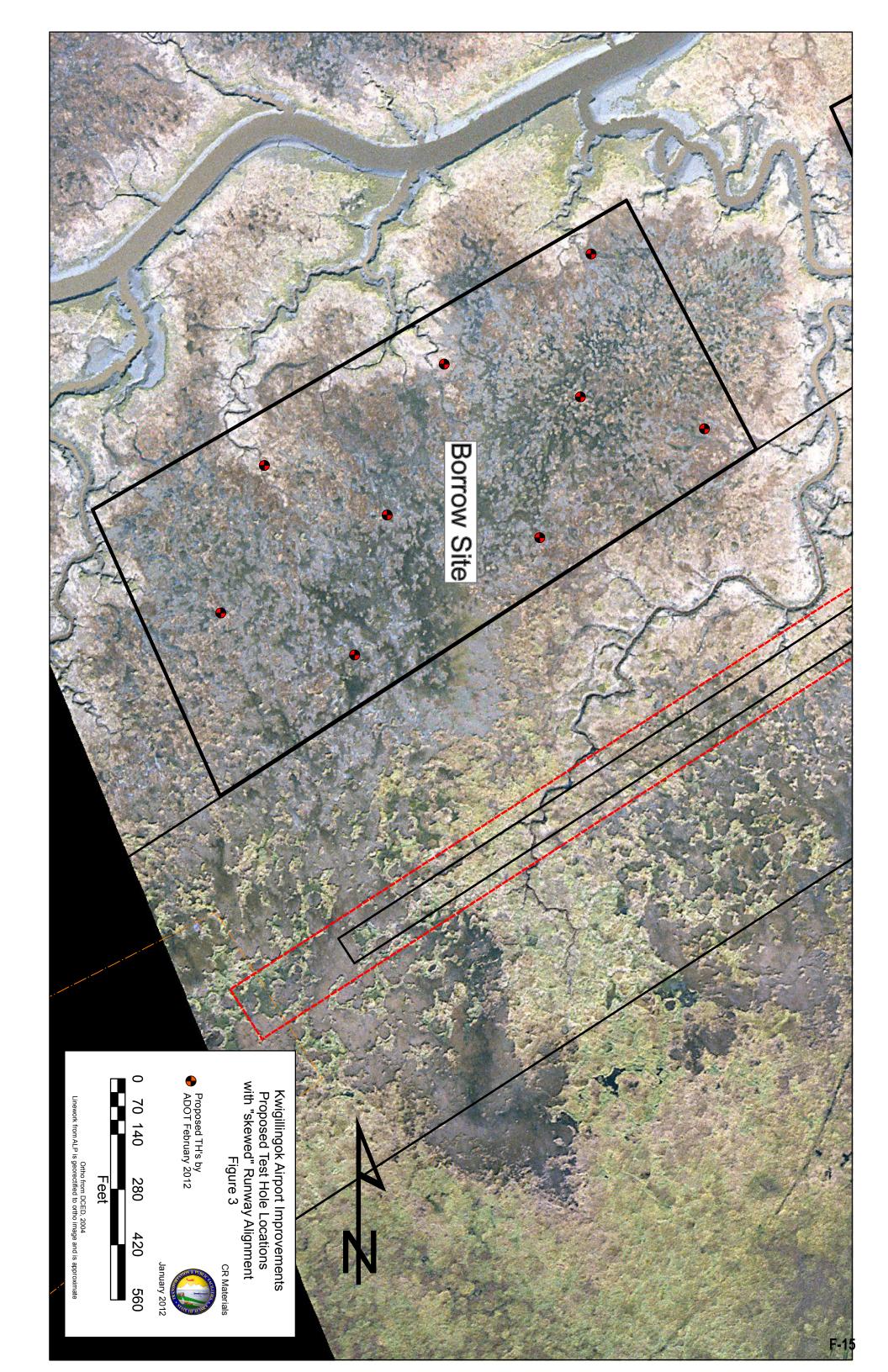
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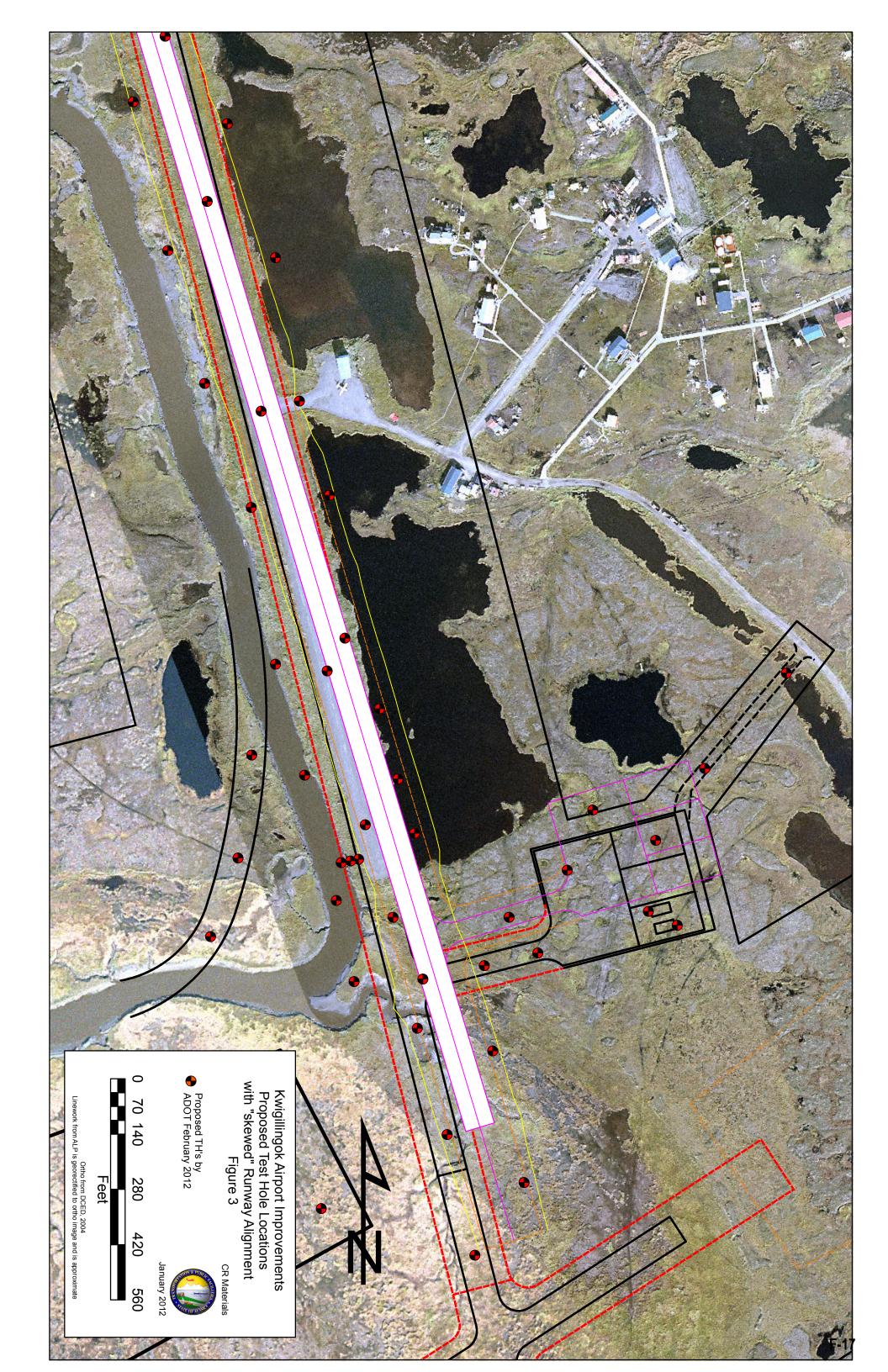














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